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SUBJ: UNHCR PROGRAM FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF IN PAKISTAN

REF: (A) STATE 20076 (B) STATE 18505 (C) STATE 15189 AND
(D) GENEVA 720

1. UNHCR ADVISES THAT SUBJECT CONFIRMATION ITS REP
ISLAMABAD, IT CAN USE BOTH BLANKETS AND TENTS MENTIONED
REFTEL-A.

2. UNHCR SAYS BLANKETS (OR PREFERABLY QUILTS WHICH
PREFERRED BY AFGHANS) ARE HIGH PRIORITY NEED BOTH
FOR TRADITIONAL USE AND AS CLOTHING. IT ESTIMATES
BLANKETS OR QUILT REQUIREMENT AT 120,000. THEREFORE
ALL 117,000 BLANKETS MENTIONED REFTEL-A COULD BE
UTILIZED. US MARKING WILL NOT PRESENT PROBLEM. CLOTHING
REQUIRED FOR ESTIMATED 270,000 PERSONS.

3. UNHCR SAYS 30,000 TENTS URGENTLY REQUIRED. TENTS
IDEALLY SHOULD BE 14 FEET BY 14 FEET DOUBLE PLY WITH
GROUND COVERING, SUITABLE FOR FIVE PERSONS. UNHCR
ATTEMPTING TO FIND TENTS IN PAKISTAN FOR LOCAL
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COST OF DOLLARS 180 TO 200 EACH. UNHCR SAYS ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS OFFERED TO PROVIDE 600 TENTS AND WONDERS IF THEY IDENTICAL TO 600 TENTS MENTIONED PARA 4 REPTL-A. IN ANY EVENT EITHER 600 OR 1,200 TENTS COULD BE UTILIZED.

4. UNHCR SAYS FOOD NEEDS INCLUDE 72,000 METRIC TONS WHEAT, 5,400 METRIC TONS EDIBLE OIL, 5,400 METRIC TONS DRY SKIM MILK AND 7,200 METRIC TONS PULSES AT TOTAL VALUE DOLS 25 MILLION. CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE IN ADDITION TO US ITEMS LISTED REF-B CONSIST OF 690 METRIC TONS EDIBLE OIL AND 600 METRIC TONS DRY SKIM MILK VALUED AT DOLS 1.7 MILLION FROM EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

5. UNHCR SAYS HEALTH NEEDS WILL BE COMMUNICATED LATER ON BASIS RECOMMENDATIONS OF TWO FRENCH TEAMS (MEDECIN SANS FRONTIERE) DUE ARRIVE PAKISTAN WEEK JANUARY 20. CONSIDERABLE INCIDENCE REPORTED OF RES-PIRATORY ILLNESS INCLUDING BRONCHITIS DUE TO COLD WEATHER. BLANKETS AND WARM CLOTHING THEREFORE URGENTLY NEEDED PENDING MEDICAL TREATMENT.

6. AFORESAID REQUIREMENTS WHICH ARE PART OF DOLS 55 MILLION UNHCR APPEAL FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF (REF-C, D AND UN PRESS RELEASE REF/1424, JANUARY 16, 1980) INCLUDE REQUIREMENTS COMPRISING ORIGINAL DOLS 10 MILLION APPEAL, HELMAN

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